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Honorable Ben Hueso  
Chair, Senate Utilities and Communications Committee  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 57 – As Amended on April 6, 2015 - **OPPOSE**  
Set for Hearing in Senate Utilities and Communications Committee on June 16, 2015

Dear Senator Hueso:

The County of San Bernardino respectfully opposes AB 57, legislation that exceeds the requirements of federal law and regulations by deeming approved any application for collocation or siting of a new wireless telecommunications facility if a city or county fails to approve or disapprove the applications within time periods that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established.

In 2014, the FCC determined that under a federal law, applications for modifications to wireless facilities would be deemed approved in 60-days provided those modifications would not sustainably change the physical dimensions of the existing wireless facility. The FCC's deemed approved requirement does not apply to new wireless siting applications, which require more time for important environmental and aesthetical review and permitting processing, nor does it apply to collocations that involve substantial increases in the size of the permitted facility. In current form, AB 57 would apply this remedy to both collocations and new site applications.

AB 57 goes well beyond the requirements of federal law and regulations, limits the ability of local agencies to review projects and may cause agencies to deny new siting or collocation applications in order to avoid allowing the "shot-clock" to run out before the local agency has addressed community concerns on environmental and aesthetic issues.

For the above reasons, the County opposes AB 57 and respectfully requests a "No" vote. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or [jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

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Board of Supervisors Chairman  
Third District Supervisor  
County of San Bernardino

c: Honorable Bill Quirk  
Members and Consultants, Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee  
County of San Bernardino Legislative Delegation

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